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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in section II, paragraph 2, of its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, decided that the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) should be headed by the Executive Director of the Programme, who should be elected by the Assembly, on the nomination of the Secretary-General, for a term of four years.

2. In its decision 60/409 of 16 March 2006, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Assembly elected Achim Steiner (Germany) to be Executive Director of the Programme for a four-year term of office, beginning on 15 June 2006 and ending on 14 June 2010. In its decision 64/420 of 22 April 2010, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, the Assembly re-elected Mr. Steiner to be Executive Director of the Programme for an additional four-year term of office, beginning on 15 June 2010 and ending on 14 June 2014.

3. In accordance with the above-mentioned provision of resolution 2997 (XXVII), the Secretary-General wishes to nominate Mr. Steiner for re-election as Executive Director of UNEP for a term of two years, beginning on 15 June 2014 and ending on 14 June 2016.

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